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## Kansas Senate Votes to Confirm Governor Kelly's Labor Secretary Pick

TOPEKA - In a 38 - 1 vote today, May 3rd, the Kansas Senate confirmed the appointment of Delía García as the Kansas Secretary of Labor. Secretary García will oversee the state Unemployment Insurance, Workers Compensation, Labor Market Information Services and Industrial Safety and Health divisions.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the state of Kansas again," Secretary García said. "It is my goal to provide the best possible customer service to all our Kansas constituents, to modernize programs and processes for greater efficiency and convenience and to bring new energy to workforce development."

"I am pleased Secretary García was confirmed today to lead the Kansas Department of Labor," Governor Laura Kelly said. "She will bring new energy to KDOL. Her well-rounded experience in small business and public service will serve the state of Kansas well."

Secretary García returned to Kansas after eight years in Washington, D.C., serving in senior leadership positions at the national organizations ReflectUS, National Migrant Seasonal Head Start Association and the National Education Association. Prior to that, she served six years in the Kansas House of Representatives, serving all six years on the House Commerce and Labor Committee, while continuing to help manage her family's small business.

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